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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. Two.

Part B for Dec. 1926.

SUBJECT.

Facilities to members of the Rep. Assembly and Legislative Council.

To The Chief Engineer at Mysore
" Chief Secretary to Govt.
" Other Secretaries to Govt
" Other Heads of Depts.
" Dep. Commrs & Dist
" Comptr to Government
" Secy R. A & L.C.

G.O. no Rel 314 – 85 dt 13. 3. 1926.

Passes orders as the

Chief Justice.
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FILE HEADING.

Facilities to Members of the Legislative Council and the Rep: Assembly.

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Facilities to the members of the Legislative Council and the Representative Assembly.

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1 Prior to the Reforms, the facilities given to the members of the Legis.Council included the grant of travelling allowances at the rates marginally noted, the free supply of certain publications and free lunch during the sessions of the Council. The Representative Assembly members were not getting any travelling or halting allowance but they were getting lavajama during their stay at Mysore and Govt. used to make fairly elaborate arrangements for their accommodation.

Halting allowance Rs.7-8-0
Railwayfare
one 1st class
one 3rd class

Mileage:
6 ans. a mile.

2. The Reforms Committee did not touch upon the question of the facilities to be granted to the members of the Legis. Council but as regards the members of the Representative Assembly they recommended that they should be granted:

(1) a single 2nd class and a 3rd class railway fare for railway journeys.

(2) Rs.5 per day day ~~&&halting&allowance~~ for every 20 miles in maidan and for every 15 miles ~~&&&~~ in malnad for road journeys.

(3) Rs.5 per day as halting allowance.

They also recommended that Government should try to provide accommodation to the members of the R.A. as far as possible charging one rupee per day for the accommodation so provided.

In view of the above, they proposed the abolition of the lavajama system.

3 Government accepted these proposals and the arrangements now being made are in conformity therewith except in respect of the levy of one

one rupee per day for accommodation which Government have waived as a special case.

4. The result of this is that the rates of T.A. admissible to L.C.members differ from those admissible to R.A. members and this difference becomes somewhat invidious in the case of Standing committees. It becomes still more invidious in the case of the Boards of the Economic Conference the members of which, as distinct from the members representing the L.C. or the R.A.have ~~this~~ a third rate of T.A. admissible to them. To avoid these discrepancies, the Government referred the whole question of the facilities to be given to the members of the R.A. and the L.C. to a committee consisting of official representatives, representatives of the R.A. and representatives of the L.C. This committee submitted certain recommendations to Government which, however, did not in any way remove the differences referred to above. Government therefore placed the recommendations of the Committee before the Assembly last Friday.

5. The following paragraphs summarise the recommendations of the Committee on the more important points requiring orders and the opinion of the Representative Assembly thereon.

I. Accommodation.

(A) Legislative Council.

The Committee have recommended that a building capable of accommodating 8 visitors should be constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.25000 in a suitable locality in Bangalore and used as a 1st class travellers' bungalow, all the rooms therein being reserved for the

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the L.C., R.A., and E.C. members whenever they come to Bangalore on duty. The Assembly did not go into this matter in detail but a suggestion has been thrown out that the bungalow of Justice Ramachandra Iyer which is a Govt.Building may be used for the accommodation of the members of the L.C. This however is not possible as the bungalow in question is not at the disposal of Government. The construction of a new building is therefore a point for orders. I may mention however that from what I have been able to gather, it is not so much lodging arrangement that is required as a central place for meeting one another for talking things over. This object would probably be achieved if a good retiring room is provided for them in the Genl & Rev. Sectt. which could be placed solely at the disposal of the members at all hours. If this could be done, it would perhaps be unnecessary to provide any accommodation for the members of the L.C.- at all events for the present.

Point for orders —

(b) Representative Assembly.

As stated in para labour ----, fairly elaborate arrangements were being made prior to the reforms for the accommodation of the members of the R.A. during the session of that House. These arrangements are being continued now with but little change. The members, however, are dissatisfied and ask for better accommodation. The committee have recommended that in addition to the R.A.Home at Mysore, 50 furnished rooms with suitable kitchen arrangements at an estimated cost of one lakh of rupees should be

constructed. The Rep.Assembly are, almost unanimously in favour of some such arrangement as this, though opinion is varied as regards the levy of a charge for the accommodation provided. Quite a large number of members have suggested that a sum of one rupee may be levied but an equally large number of members have expressed themselves in favour of the accommodation being provided free. A careful perusal of the discussions shows, however, that ~~that~~ what the members want is not so much the construction of 50 rooms ~~but~~ as the provision of furniture and facilities for bathing and cooking.

6. On going through the past records relating to this matter, I have ~~seen~~ found that on the average 100 to 120 members usually avail themselves of the arrangements made by the Government. Of these 35 to 40 are accommodated in the R.A. Home, 65 to 80 in the Nanjaraja Bahadur Chattram and the rest in the Marimallappa's school. The R.A. Home can easily accommodate 35 members. The accommodation of 65 to 80 members in the Nanjaraja Bhadur Chattram leads to a certain amount of over-crowding as the building can only comfortably accommodate about 50 members. The Marimallappa's school on the other hand can accommodate a far larger number of men than are now accommodated there at present. If therefore we reduce the number of members accommodated in the Nanjaraja Bahadur Chattram to 50 and increase the number accommodated in the Marimallappa's school to 40, there would appear to be no necessity for the construction of fresh quarters. But in this case some facilities

will have to be provided for, such as provision of a large number of pipes, increased number of bathing houses and kitchen sheds.

7 In view of the fact that the construction of new and furnished quarters would involve heavy capital expenditure it would, perhaps be sufficient if the existing resources are a little more fully utilised.

8 The following suggestions are submitted for consideration:---

Point for orders

(1)R.A.Home to be reserved for accommodating about 35 members. (every facility is available here and no additional cost is required)

(2) Nanjaraja Bahadur Chattram to be reserved for accommodating the 50 members, the rooms being furnished with 2 cots, one table, 3 chairs, a clothes stand and a mirror, each.

(3) The Marimallappa's school to be utilised for accommodating 40 members, temporary kitchen sheds and bathing houses being constructed for the use of the members.

9 This involves the provision of something like 100 cots, about 150 chairs, 50 mirrors and 50 clothes stands. The hiring of this furniture from Bangalore will cost about 1500 each time and it will therefore be far cheaper in the end to order for this furniture once for all and keep it in the Secretariat stores. The cost on account of this would probably amount to Rs.6000/ In addition to this the initial expenditure, a recurring expenditure on kitchen sheds and bathing houses of about 2500 per year would also have to be incurred.

Point for orders

The question of recovering a sum of one rupee per day is for orders.

Refreshments.

10 At present both the R.A. and L.C. members are being provided with free refreshments at a

total cost of something like 10 to 12 thousand rupees. While a few of the members have suggested either the abolition of the free supply of lunch or its supply on payment of cost, the genral feeling of the Assembly has been in favour of continuing the free supply. The point is therefore one for orders.

Point for orders.

11. Travelling Allowances.

It has been pointed out that the existing rates of T.A. admissible to R.A. members differ from those admissible to the members of the L.C. The facilities committee did not suggest any change in the present rates. The Rep.Assembly however thinks that this difference is not justifiable and may be abolished.

In another connection the Financial Secretary has suggested that the difference in the T.A. is rather invidious and should be abolished by the grant of a uniform rate of a single 1st class railway fare, a halting allowance of Rs.7 per day and a mileage of 6 ans per mile to the members of the R.A., L.C. and E.C. This is likely to increase the total cost by about Rs.6000/ but this seems to be the most suitable arrangement possible in the circumstances.

I suggested a uniform rate of only Rs 5 for both R.A.'s and L.C.'s. Vide 15/8/23

Point for orders -

12. Premises.

The necessity for seperate buildings for these two bodies is keenly felt. The Dewan has stated in his closing remarks on the discussion on the facilities committee's report that he hopes to see the beginning of the constructions of the R.A. hall at Mysore during the next Dasara. The provision of a hall for the Legislative Council at Bangalore is a matter of equal importance and would cost about Rs.50000

Rs.50,000 to 60,000. Plans and estimates are ready.

13. The four points requiring orders in this file are:

(1) Accommodation:

(a) Legislative Council.

No lodging accommodation is necessary but a suitable retiring room to be provided in the G.R.S. building.

(b)Representative Assembly

The R.A. Home, Nanjaraja Bhadur Chattram and Marimallappa's school to be reserved- arrangements being made for kitchen sheds, bathing houses, lighting and furniture.

(2) Refreshments:
Free supply of lunch to continue.

(3) Travelling allowances:
Uniform rate of single 1st class Railway fare, halting allowance of Rs.7 per day and a mileage of 6 ans. a mile.

(4) Premises:
Construction of a hall at Mysore for the R.A., the alterations of the central hall, G.R.S. Bangalore. for the L.C.

14. Among minor matters referred to in the Committee's report or brought out in the discussions at the meeting may be mentioned the provision of a library and the supply of Government publications.

15. As regards a library, a good reference library is a great necessity. The G.R.S.Library may be thrown open to the members of the R.A. and the L.C. The library may also be made more useful by the addition of books worth about Rs.3000 this year, an annual grant of Rs.1000 being made thereafter for its due expansion.

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As regards the supply of publications, the members of both the R.A. and the L.C. are getting the Gazette and departmental reports. They also get copies of the Publicity Journal at half the rates. This would appear to be quite enough.

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17 As directed by the Dewan yesterday, I submit a note on the facilities to be granted to H. H. Members.

Dewan. RR 7/6

18. Please circulate immediately to Council for favour of recovery thereupon. Or the parts for when.

GP 11-6

Ch. Secl with Compts. RR 11/6

Rs 1600 11/6/25

1st & 2nd December.) hm 11.6.25

19 I note below my views on the several points raised in this Memorandum.

(1) I do not think it necessary for fresh & permanent accommodation for members of the legislative council & Executive Boards at Bangalore. The no. of these members coming from the mofussil is not very large & they should be able to find accommodation in Hotels & Messes. Steps for themselves & during

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their stay in Bangalore. A good sitting room & a library well equipped with Administration reports &c. for publication should however be provided for the use of these members in the Bangalore Public offices or close to it.

(2). The accommodation now provided for the Rep. Assembly members in Bysore has been found inadequate: owing to the large no. of these members; and in view of the difficulty of their obtaining accommodation for themselves in the City, it is necessary that food should be supplied to them. I would suggest that construction of suitable blocks of buildings like the present Representative Hostels for accommodating 250 or 400 members. When accommodation is provided by (1) the food for the members, I think they a reasonable sum may be recovered therefor — not Exceeding 8 Rs per day.

(3) I am of opinion that free supply of lunch to members of the Rep. Assembly as also the Legislative Council should be discontinued. No such supply is made to the members of the Legislatures bodies anywhere in British India. I understand that in Travancore where the 7 members of the Sri Mulam assembly had been formerly given free supply of lunch, it has been put a stop to. Since the system of

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payment of TA to the members was introduced. The free supply of lunch is supported by some of the members of the Assembly on the ground of sentiment; and the argument is also used that as the members attend the Assembly as guests of the Government, the supply of lunch should not be charged. There is no force in their argument. The R.A. (Advisory Council) members attend meetings of these bodies not as guests but in the performance of a public duty: and so long as they are given sufficient amounts of daily allowance to cover all their Expenses (including lunch) there is no justification for free supply of lunch to them. It may also be added that while the lunch supplied is criticised by the members may not be worth more than about Rs 1800 p.a in their Expenditure is fixed under this head is nearly three times this amount, owing to the practice being Extended to all officers officials and not who attend the meetings of these bodies.

I believe that the majority of the R.A. members may be convinced to vote for the abolition of the free supply of lunch by the Secretariat is paying Emoluments to them.

(4) The construction of a Representative assembly House at Ooty and a Legislative Council House at Bangalore with the necessary

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appurtenances thereto are quite necessary; and should be taken up as early as possible.

With regard to the payment of uniform rates & TA for the members of the R A. the legislature cannot, something can be said when for organising the proposal. I am inclined to think that on financial as well as other grounds the present rates allowed to the ~~Nominated~~ members of these bodies need not be interfered with for the present

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2. I agree generally with the views of the Hon Member.

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Put up Despatch as may be settled. Please also see Enclosure. Mr. Mody. Enclosure Despatch. Letter to the Council attached 4 3 4 10/6.

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DEWAN'S OFFICE
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6. JUL 1925
Reg. No. 1698

22 As ordered above, I submit a draft G.O. It is based upon the minutes of the Dewan and the Members of Council and on the concluding portion of the Dewan's Speech at the last Session of the R.A.

Dewan. RR 6/7

23 The circular letter to the P.C.s can also remain where it is.

24 The Resn in R.A. in typed form should be retained in the Secy's office for reference.

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25 I think this should be the last of the papers taken action on in the present file.

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1st Member

2nd Member RR 7/7

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26 I have two alternative drafts under consideration. One provides (1) Provision of tents for use of the Leg. Council members at Bangalore (Para 4 of the draft). The other does not provide for the supply of tents but states that Government will make arrangements for Kutcheries with the help of much as possible. Moreover, it does not specify any particular place in preference to be set apart for the

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Clause 4 of the L.C. members' Motion providing of tents for Ministers. or of the tents are to be seen for their use in any place within which such Ministers. Either arrangement will be attended with practical difficulties. It would therefore be more convenient in the supply of tents at Bangalore as regards the rate to be charged for the use of the Representatives themselves to treat the new buildings provided for the Assembly as Pucca buildings and to charge a rent of Rs. 100 per month for the use of the Assembly Chamber and Committee Rooms. The Secretary of State will be requested to sanction the necessary additional expenditure under the head Contingencies.

(2) The question of providing refreshments for the members during the intervals between the sessions of the Assembly was considered. It was understood that the Government of India would make arrangements for the supply of refreshments in the Assembly Chamber during the intervals between the sessions.

(3) Use of the dining room as a retiring room (item 6 of the Agenda)

It is desirable that necessary steps should be taken to provide a suitable retiring room and dining hall for the use of the members during the intervals between the sessions. The dining hall could be used as a retiring room during the sessions for the members.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
13 JUL 1925
REFERENCE TO ASSEMBLY, COUNCIL OF STATE, LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL & ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

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SUBJECT.

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1. I agree to the draft subject to the modifications proposed by the Members re
(1) omitting reference to provision of seats to L.C. members
& (2) adding the words pending further orders re support of Lunch.

2. I think a rate of 7/R per room in the R.A. Home is by no means excessive — but what we want is say a suitable room rather than the amount now — & I am of opinion that the Home might be used as a Hostel when not req^d for R.A. members, if that is possible; & as to avoid ~~[illegible]~~ it up for the rest of the year.

3. While a Representative Hall will be necessary when our finances improve, I do not think that we are justified in incurring Expenditure now. A Hall costing 50,000 will not be in keeping with the buildings in Moore Lane which has also provided & that we can afford now.

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DEWAN'S OFFICE.
RECD. ON 8 AUG. 1925
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
14 JUL. 1925
REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY,
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL &
ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

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34. The file has been circulated as ordered. The following are the points requiring final orders:—

Point.	Opinion of First Member.	Opinion of Second Member.	Remarks
(1) Supply of tents (para 4 of draft).	Reference to this may be omitted.	agrees with First Member.	This reference will be omitted in the Opt. if approved.
(2) Free supply of lunch (para 5)	To be subject to further orders.	agrees with First Member.	Draft will be changed accordingly.
(3) Retiring room & library (para 6)	Separate room to be provided.	agrees with the draft.	For final orders.
(4) Levy of a cent of Re 1 (para 4)	..	Insertion of exact amount unnecessary.	Draft with revised as suggested.
(5) Provision of Rs. 5000 for R. A. Hall (para 8)	..	50,000 insufficient for a Hall. At least 1,00,000 required.	The provision suggested in the Opt. is only as a 1st instalment during this year.

RB 8/8.

35 Mysore reserved is suggested where - have 4. replaced the reserved - if Mysore is leased.

36. This will satisfy many people which the only thing that can possibly is settled

36 Please put up after the other matters are disposed of.

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Forwarded & the Financial Secretary with compts. as ordered by the Dewan in para 23 above.

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Paras 4 and 8.- I think it is not possible to start the construction of both these buildings in the current year. Another block of buildings for the use of the Representative Assembly Members at Mysore is, I believe, the more urgent of the two works and it may be started this year if the Public Works Department is able to find the required funds by reappropriation. The combined Representative Assembly Hall and ~~the~~ Senate House is, I think, estimated to cost Rs 3 ~~to~~ or Rs 4 lakhs, and this building may be taken up after the other building is completed.

Para 6.- The amount of Rs 5,000 required for fitting up a room and a library for the use of ~~the~~ M.L.C.s may be sanctioned as an additional grant. As regards the annual allotments to be allowed for this purpose hereafter, I do not ~~think~~ think it is quite necessary to say that the yearly grant "will be not less than Rs 1,000." It would be sufficient to say that an annual allotment will be allowed for the purchase of books.

Para 10.- Reference to the Financial Secretary may be omitted.

Put up after the reply from the Fin. Secy is received

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Mr S.N.A

Mr. Ananthanarayana's leave on the Race course was sanctioned vide Dewan's order in the Finance file) H. A.

L.c. 2-25-(561-37).

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2 drfts for approval

39 A draft G.O. on the Subject of facilities to members of the R.A. and the L.C. based on the draft provisionally approved but modified in accordance with the opinion of the members of Council & the Finance Secretary is submitted with a D.O.M.

RR 19/2

40 Draft orders of the Government in question issued

RR 20/2

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W.F. No. 569

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Submitted to His Highness.

I herewith submit, for the gracious perusal of His Highness, the following note on the facilities to be given to the members of the Legislative Council and the Representative Assembly.

2. Prior to the Reforms, the facilities given to members of the Legislative Council were (1) the grant of travelling and halting allowances at the marginally noted rates, and (2) the supply of certain Government publications like the Gazette. The members of the Representative Assembly, on the other hand, were not being given any travelling or halting allowance, but, in lieu thereof, they were in receipt of lavajama during their stay at Mysore. As a matter of convenience, Government were also making arrangements for the accommodation of about 100 members.

Railway fare: 1½ first class;
Halting Allowance: Rs. 7-8-0 a day;
Mileage: 2 annas a mile.

3. In connection with the reforms, the Reforms Committee considered the question whether any changes were called for in respect of the matters referred to above. Their recommendations were silent with respect to the members of the Legislative Council and the old rules are still in force. As regards the members of the Representative Assembly, they suggested the abolition of lavajama and the grant of travelling and halting allowances instead, as noted in the margin. These proposals were accepted by the Government, and orders were issued in accordance therewith in Government Proceedings No. 1024-23/Reforms 29-22-2 dated 12th November 1923.

Railway fare: one 2nd and one 3rd class;
Halting allowance: Rs.5 a day;
Mileage: Rs.5 for every 15 miles in Malnad and Rs.5 for every 20 miles in Maidan;
For a distance of less than 5 miles from the nearest Railway Station, no mileage.

4. In view, however, of certain questions that were raised regarding the difference in the rates

of allowances admissible to the members of the Legislative Council and the Representative Assembly, Government appointed a Committee consisting of the following official and non-official gentlemen to go into the whole question and submit suitable proposals:-

1. Mushir-ul-Mulk Mir Hamza Hussain, First Member of Council, (Chairman)
2. Rajasabhabhushana, Diwan Bahadur Sir K.P.Puttanna Chetty, Kt., C.I.E.,
3. Mr. Md. Abbas Khan,
4. " B.Narasinga Rao,)
5. " B.L.Byanna,) Representing the Legislative Council.
6. " G.Paramasiviah,)
7. " J.R.Isaac,
8. " F.M.Abdul Quddus,)
9. " B.Srinivasa Iyengar,) Representing the Representative Assembly.
10. The Chief Secretary to Government, and
11. The Financial Secretary to Government.

5. The Committee submitted a report in which they made the following suggestions:-

(1) Construction of a building at Bangalore, capable of accommodating 8 visitors to be ordinarily used as a first class travellers' bungalow but to be reserved for members of the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council whenever they come to Bangalore on work connected with these bodies.

(2) Construction at Mysore of a block of buildings, containing about 50 rooms with kitchens and other appurtenances, capable of accommodating 100 members of the Representative Assembly.

(3) Abolition of the supply of free refreshments to the members of the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council.

(4) Supply of certain Government publications to the members of both the Houses.

(5) Provision of a suitable Library and retiring rooms.

6. Before passing final orders in the matter, Government thought that the opinion of the Representative Assembly would be useful to them in coming to a decision in the matter, and accordingly, the subject was considered at a recent session of the Representative Assembly.

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7. The House expressed the opinion that both at Mysore and Bangalore, accommodation may be provided by Government for the members of the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council, that in connection with the Legislative Council meetings, a reading room and a well-equipped library and retiring rooms may be provided for the members in the Public Offices, and that separate buildings for holding the meetings of the Legislative Council and the Representative Assembly may be constructed at Bangalore and Mysore.

8. The questions arising in this connection have been carefully considered by me and my colleagues, and we have come to the following decision:-

Accommodation.-

(a) Legislative Council.- As Bangalore has a number of good and high class hotels, there is no necessity to make any special arrangements for the accommodation of the Legislative Council members. When necessary, Government may provide a tent or two for the use of such members as may stand in need of them. In this connection, I may add that Government considered the question of purchasing a house on the Race Course Road, which was available about three months ago. But the building was not suitable for the purpose for which it would have to be used and the value placed upon it by the Public Works Department was far short of the figure mentioned by the owner. So, that matter was dropped.

(b) Representative Assembly.- As regards the accommodation of the members of the Representative Assembly at Mysore, the present arrangements, which involve an annual expenditure of about Rs.2,500 to Rs. 3,000 is, in my opinion, unsatisfactory, and the amount spent fetches no return. A building constructed at a cost of about Rs. 25,000 and capable of accommodating about 50 members would be a great convenience, and together with the Representative Assembly Home at Mysore, will provide comfortable accommodation for 100 members nearly. The Mem-

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Members of Council are of opinion that the construction of such a building should be undertaken at once and funds provided if possible this year. I agree with this opinion.

Rates of travelling allowances.-

Neither the Special Committee referred to in paragraph 4 above nor the Representative Assembly raised any question regarding the disparity of rates between the members of the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council in respect of travelling allowances. The matter may be allowed to continue as at present.

Buildings for the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council.-

As regards separate buildings for the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council, plans and estimates have already been got ready for a combined Representative Assembly Hall and Senate House at Mysore, but I fear that in the present condition of financial stringency, it may not be possible to undertake any expenditure in this behalf. The matter will however be further examined and submitted to His Highness in due course. So also the question of a Legislative Council hall at Bangalore.

Lunch.-

From the very outset, members of the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council are being supplied with free lunch at a cost of about Rs. 15,000 to Government. Though, in view of the grant of halting allowances, there is a prima facie case for its abolition, I am not in favour of such a step, as it has come to be looked upon as a privilege and its stoppage may be disliked on that ground. The Members of Council are also of the same opinion. It may therefore continue.

9. Some minor points were raised by the Representative Assembly in respect of supply of Government publications, the provision of retiring rooms, the library, and the like. Every step

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will be taken to provide reasonable facilities in these matters.

10. I submit the above recommendations for the gracious approval of His Highness.

Bangalore,)
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20th February 1926.)

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STATEMENT OF CASES SUBMITTED FOR THE ORDERS OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA DURING THE TOUR OUTSIDE THE STATE IN....February 1926.....

Serial No.	Subject	Orders of His Highness	Order regarding submission of files (*vide* foot-note)
569	Facilities to be given to the members of the Legislative Council and Representative Assembly.	611 43 Approved by His Highness 27.2.26 Camp Calcutta	C

NOTE.—The letter a, b or c may kindly be inserted by the Private Secretary to His Highness in the last column to indicate whether
File may be submitted at once ... .a
File may be submitted after His Highness' return .. ...b
File may not be submitted at all c

General and Revenue Secretariat

File No. 26 of 1925.

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44. Maybe draft G.O. ready by
Orders — 3/3

45 J.S. — while issuing Orders
Govt have to refer
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1st member
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1 To the Chief Engr. in myore, Chief Secys to Govt
" Other Secys to Govt, Heads of Depts,
" D.Cs of Dists, Comptr Govt, Secy P.S.C.
G.O. no. Rel 314-85/L.S. 13.3.26.
Passes orders regarding the facilities to be given to members of the Rep. Assembly and Legislative Council.

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From the Chief Engineer in Mysore

No. 11999 D/20 April 1926.

Informed with reference to para 8 of Govt No. Rel 314-85/RA 26-25-1 D/13.3.1926 that the Executive Engineer, Mysore Special Div. has been requested to get up detailed estimate and plan for the use of the RA Members at Mysore similar in design to the present RA Mohr & on their receipt they will be submitted to Govt for sanction & states that, as regards the requirement of the grant required for the Consideration of the Hall to meet the requirements of the University & the RA at Mysore, the grant sanctioned for the Dept for the year 1925-26, is quite inadequate to meet the requirements of works in progress and it is therefore not possible to set apart an sum of Rs 50,000 required for the year 1925-26 for the work

47. Submitted for orders.

48. The Chief Engineer states that it is not possible to set apart a sum of Rs 50,000 for the year 1925-26, as directed in para 8 (a) of Govt 13.3.26 for the construction of the RA Hall at Mysore.

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(I am afraid this will not be possible).
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49. In paragraphs 4 and 8 of G.O. No 314-85 dt 13.3.1926, you have said that if the Ch. Engr. can find a sum of Rs. 50,000 by re appropriations during the current year, they would begin the construction of a combined R. A. Hall & Zenana House at Mysore. The Ch. Engr. says he cannot find any funds.

50. The provision of a suitable Hall for R.A. meetings at Mysore is very urgent & necessary and if possible a sum of Rs. 200,000 Shd. be found for it in the budget for the year 1926-27. If agreed, the Matter May be considered at Budget time

Dewan Sir
Fin. Sec.

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St. Rs 50,000 may be found if possible.

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52. Fin. Sec. for perusal

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53. This demand is included in the list of New Works sent by the C.E. in connexion with the next year's Budget - and I have had to suggest that all new works proposed by the Dept. have to be omitted from next year's Budget for want of funds. The R.E. Budget was sent to Dewan yesterday and orders on it may be awaited

RG 6/5 - Sent 6/5/26

D 4420 Re: provision of 50,000 Rs for the construction of a Combined [illegible] Store-

General and Revenue Secretariat

WD 8264, GDP—40,000—17-12-25 [App. F. III—2

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54 Resubmitted, for orders as to whether this may be sent to the Fin! Secrt. for noting the orders on the P.W. Indent if it has been received back with orders.

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53 Provision for this item has not been ordered to be included in the Budget of next year - One file is sent to Secretary. for note of Dewan's orders and return of file

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order 12/5/26 It has not been possible to provide for this item

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY 17 MAY 1926 REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY, LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL & ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

NOTE—Contn. Sheet

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Proceedings of the meeting of the Committee appointed by Government to consider what facilities should be given to the members of the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council.

The Committee met on Tuesday the 16th September 1924. The First Member of Council presided and all the members of the Committee were present.

The Chairman placed the following points with brief remarks before the Committee for their opinion :—

1. Accommodation.
2. Refreshments.
3. Supply of Government publications.
4. Travelling allowances.
5. Seating arrangements.
6. Premises for the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council.
7. Library and retiring rooms.
8. Method of payment of travelling allowances.

The Committee considered the various subjects placed before them and came to the following decisions:—

1. *Accommodation.*—(*a*) As regards accommodation of Legislative Council members coming to Bangalore, the Committee was of opinion that a building capable of accommodating 8 visitors should be constructed in a suitable locality at Bangalore and used as a first class travellers' bungalow, rooms therein being reserved for the Legislative Council and the Representative Assembly members, when they come to Bangalore on duty. When not required for their use, the Committee was of opinion that the building may be used by other travellers. The cost of the building was estimated at Rs. 25,000.

(*b*) As regards Representative Assembly members, the Committee was of opinion that in addition to the Representatives' Home at Mysore, provision should be made for the accommodation of 100 members by the construction of 50 rooms in blocks, separate kitchen arrangements being also provided for the various communities—the rooms to be furnished in the usual manner.

A common hall, reading room and library are also to be constructed. The cost was estimated at Rs. 1,00,000 and the site between the Representatives' Home and the Nanjaraj Bahadur Chattram was suggested as being suitable for the purpose. The Committee had no objection to the members being charged a reasonable rate of rent.

2. *Refreshments.*—The Committee was not in favour of Government providing free refreshments to members of the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council. It decided that this should be discontinued and that caterers licensed by the Secretary may be permitted to sell refreshments to the members. Necessary accommodation and furniture to be provided by Government.

3. *Supply of publications.*—The present orders were considered satisfactory and a hope was expressed that all publications relating to the work of the Legislative Council and the Representative Assembly which cannot be conveniently supplied to the members be stocked in the library.

4. *Travelling allowances.*—The difference obtaining in the rates of travelling allowances to members of the Legislative Council and the Representative Assembly was considered but it was decided that no change was required for the present. In the case of Standing Committees which consist of a mixed membership, it was decided that members should get such rates as are admissible to the members of the House which they represent in the Standing Committees.

5. *Seating arrangements.*—The present arrangements were considered satisfactory. The Secretary was requested to see if the chairs used at the Legislative Council Meetings could not be made more comfortable.

6. *Premises for the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council.*—In view of the financial stringency, it was decided that the present arrangements may continue for the present.

7. *Library and retiring rooms.*—The Committee was of opinion that the Secretariat Library should be open to the members of the Legislative Council and the Representative Assembly and that it should be improved by the addition of books and other publications relating to legislation, administration, politics and the like. The Committee also thought that Government should provide some funds—about Rs. 3,000—at once for the purchase of these books and should make an annual provision in the budget for this purpose.

A retiring room with lavatories is also to be provided.

8. *Payment of travelling allowances.*—The present arrangements were considered satisfactory.

R. RANGA RAO,
Secretary, Representative Assembly.

Discussions on the Facilities Committee Report.

The Dewan said that when this subject was brought up for discussion in October last, it was decided that it should be considered in the June Session. The report of the Committee appointed to go into all the details has now been received and circulated to the members. The subject may now be discussed.

Mr. Paramasivish expressed his gratefulness to Government for having allowed them the opportunity of discussing the recommendations made by the Special Committee. He brought to the notice of Government that the members were put to very great inconvenience and that they felt this inconvenience more keenly this year as they have been deprived of the small conveniences they usually used to get during the previous years. During the previous years, at least some furniture and cots were being supplied, but this year even this is not given. Notice was circulated that no furniture could be provided and that no kitchen accommodation would be arranged for the members. He requested Government that as soon as possible before the Assembly meets next, some better conveniences should be provided.

Every one complained that the treatment accorded to them this year was very bad.

The Chief Secretary stated that ~~there was~~

the members were treated in the same way as in the past and that no difference was made this year in the arrangements.

Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar brought to the notice of the Government that the R.A. Secretary had issued notice that not even furniture would be supplied.

Mr. Krishna Murthy (Karnik) pointed out that there was a good deal of difficulty about accommodation also. There was no furniture, no kitchen accommodation and this forced them to remain in hotels. Besides this, three or four members of different communities were grouped in one room. He was of opinion that independent rooms with furniture should be provided to each member and if necessary some small rent may be levied for the period of their occupation.

Mr. Byanna said that the people who fight for their claims as a matter of right are given the necessary conveniences and others not. He requested that arrangements should be made to see that all the members of this House are given equal treatment.

Mr. Rudrappa complained that the Special Duty Officer never goes to the buildings set apart for the members and does not care to look after their conveniences and comforts. He said that if the Special Duty Officer had requested the authorities of the Veerasaiva Hostel, they would have placed the building at the disposal of Government and this would

have lessened the difficulties in the matter of providing good accommodation to the members.

The Dewan said he would set things right in consultation with the Chief Secretary.

50 rooms with kitchens

Mr. Muhammad Abbas Khan said that as recommended by the Special Committee, 50 rooms with suitable kitchens should be constructed and suitably furnished. If this was done, much of the inconvenience to the members complained of would be removed. If the Government think it necessary, rent may be recovered. Separate kitchens for different communities should be provided. In the rooms thus built, not more than 2 ~~people~~ members should be accommodated. At this rate, 100 members could be provided with good accommodation. If this accommodation is not sufficient, the Nanjaraj Bahadur Chattram may also be fitted up for the members with adequate furniture. He was of opinion that the recommendations of the Committee in respect of this might be accepted in toto and brought into effect as early as possible.

recovery of rent.

Supply accounts.

Mr. D.S. Hanumantha Rao was of opinion that one room shoule be set apart for each member or otherwise there would be much inconvenience caused.

The Dewan pointed out that before the reconstitution, every room was accommodating three to four members.

Mr. Vema Reddy was of opinion that it was not right on the part of the Government to - charge for every little convenience that they

provide to the members of the House who come from all parts of the State. They come to the Assembly at much sacrifice to their personal work with the object of doing some good to the country as a whole and as such it is the duty of Government to give them some convenience free of charge. He pleaded that furnished rooms should be given to them free of charge for occupation during the busy season.

He did not agree with the recommendation of the Committee in regard to refreshments. He was strongly of opinion and pleaded very eloquently that refreshments should be supplied as heretofore. Formerly, there was State Dinner but it has now been stopped. Government should not hesitate to spend a small sum for refreshments as it is the only item which satisfies the members and makes them to work whole-heartedly. He made a personal appeal to the Dewan that during his term of office he should not abolish the free supply of refreshments but on the other hand continue the existing ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ policy and earn the gratitude of one and all of the members of this House.

Re. the supply of publications to the members of this House, he said that the old practice of supplying them with copies of Government publications should be revived. It is not possible for each member to come to the Assembly every time he wants a book and the library to be opened in the Assembly Hall will not be of much use to the members except during the

time of the meetings. If publications are supplied to the members, they will be able to go through them in their leisure hours and this would give them some idea of the administration of the State. There is no use in having a central reading room, but on the other hand, Government publications should be supplied to the members.

In conclusion he pointed out that the members should be treated with hospitality and confidence created in them.

Mr. Hoskoppa Krishna Rao agreed with the views expressed by Mr. Vema Reddy in respect the grant of free adcommodation to the members. He said that rent should not be levied at least on sentimental grounds. He was of opinion that as the people do not come to Mysore on their private work, it is the duty of Government to provide them with furnished rooms free of rent.

As regards refreshments, he was of opinion that not much money will be saved by the abolition of this item and as such it might continue as at present.

He was for reviving the old practice of Lava Jama system. He said that if lava jama and good accommodation are provided no daily allowance need be given to them.

In regard to seating arrangements, he said that the present chairs are unsuitable for members working from 12 noon to 6 P.M. and that they should be provided with good comfortable chairs and small desks.

Mr. Rudrappa supported Mr. Hoskoppa Krishna Rao's views in respect of better seating arrangements.

Mr. Sanjiviah suggested that arrangements ~~xxxxxx~~ may be made for non-vegetarian ~~xxx~~ catering also in the Modern Hotel at Mysore. He also pointed out that while Government are providing the retired officers with free quarters when they come to Mysore, to enjoy the occasion, it is not right on their part to levy rent from the members who come on duty.

Mr. Hutchaveeregowda said that formerly the assembly members were provided with cushion for seating in the assembly and appealed to the Dewan that during his term of office, cushion chairs should be ordered to be provided for the members.

L.C. Mhubari accountant Dept.

Mr. Karnik Krishna Murthy said that the bungalow of Justice Ramachandra Iyer, which has been recently taken by Government for rent may be used for accommodating the Legislative Council members when they come to Bangalore.

Rate Members have low wages in Mysore

In former days, Government used to give the members of this House a house rent of Rs. 5 to enable them to secure suitable accommodation. But this practice has now been cancelled. If Government undertake to build rooms for the members, they should at least construct a block of 100 rooms. Otherwise, it will not help matters very much. There was a proposal during Sir M. Visvesvaraya's time that the Sowar lines would be given to us, but the members did not like the idea. Good accomo-

dation and enough furniture are absolutely necessary. Re. the levy of rent, it was a matter of opinion. Personally, he was willing to pay rent. Government publications should be supplied to all the members and early action should be taken in this direction.

He had nothing to say in the matter of refreshments but left it to the good sense of the House.

T.A. Qy.

In regard to the question of T.A. he said at at present it is being used as a source of income and as such the system should be put an end to. He was of opinion that every member should be given railway passes (one for second class pass for himself and one third class pass for his servant) and not train fare and the usual rate of daily allowance. If the members are given second class fares, there is just the possibility of their travelling in the third class and same some money. There is more dignity in granting them passes. The railway income also will not suffer.

R.A. Hall

Sir M. Visvesvaraya promised that a Hall would be constructed but till now this prpmise has not been given effect to. The present building is not suitable as people speaking from corners cannot be heard. Nor are the Government Members heard by the Assembly members sitting away from them. As soon as possible, arrangements may be made to construct a new hall for the Representative Assembly.

Mr. Ananthaiya pointed out that not more

than Rs. 4,000 would be required for furnishing 50 rooms and this is an expenditure well worth incurring. He agreed with Mr. Vema Reddy that refreshments should be supplied to them free.

About Government publications, he was of opinion that if each member could not be supplied with the copies, arrangements should be made to see that the members get these publications at least by circulation.

There is now some difference in the rate of travelling allowance and the daily allowance between the members of this House and the Legislative Council. He was of opinion that there should be no such difference and that both these bodies should be treated alike.

He suggested that a retiring room for the members -- which is an absolute necessity and a reading room should be provided in the Assembly Hall as soon as possible.

Mr. Nabi Khan pointed out that there should be only one uniform rate of batta to the members of both the Legislative Council and the Representative Assembly.

Mr. Pir Sab agreed with the above speaker and prayed that all the members of this House should be treated with the same kind of respect as they have been treated all along. He was of opinion that the arrangement of supplying refreshments should continue.

Mr. Usmon Khan said that the

members were originally getting Rs. 30 and th were making their own arrangements for accomodation. The members now get travelling allowance and daily allowance and they should therefore make their own arrangements as regards accomodation, paying according to the prescribed rules. He had no objection to the construction of new quarters for the members, but insisted that the rules applying to the occupation of Musafirkhanas etc., should be brought into force in respect of their occupation.

He was of opinion that the members of the Legislative Council do the same kind of work as the members of this House and as such there was no justification for giving different rates of daily allowance and travelling allowance to them. Members of both the houses should be treated alike in this respect.

He pointed out that in the Madras Govt. every member who ~~[struck out]~~ goes to Ooty makes his own arrangement and gets suitable allowances. But in the Mysore Government, especially after the introduction of the reforms, money is spent lavishly and if all the recommendations of the Special Committee are to the sanctioned much more money has to be spent without knowing what the ultimate benefit will be.

He was of opinion that if tiffin is provided for the members, there should be some reduction in the scale of daily allowance.

Accomd. for payment,

difference in rates to be.

members to make their own arrangements

Tiffin to be given but rates to be reduced

Mr. Ramaswami said that the Mysore Representative Assembly which was formed some 40 years ago was the first of its kind in India and as a result of this institution, the political education among the masses has spread in Mysore. Recently this institution was reconstituted and better status was given as a result thereof. It is necessary therefore that ~~xxxxx~~ arrangements should be made to accommodate all the members in one place as this will enable them to further improve the status of the institution by frequent discussions etc. One hall for the Assembly, suitable chairs and tables for the members, one reading room with all the up-to-date publications and newspapers must be provided as early as possible.

Mr. Balija was of opinion that rent should not be levied from the members of this House. He said that free refreshments should not be supplied on the ground that stale things which upset their health are supplied. He was not in favour of reviving the old lava jama system. Under that system, lava jama ~~is~~ was being granted on the day of the member's arrival and there ~~was~~ no cheque by which to know whether the member stayed till the end of the session. But under the present daily allowance system, unless the member attends the session, he does not get his daily allowance. Statistics ~~xxx~~ show that the attendance of members has very much improved on account of the introduction of the daily allowance system.

Mr. Gopalaswami suggested that the two Public Libraries at Bangalore and Mysore should ~~xx~~ in the first instance be supplied with all the Government publications, administration reports, press table orders etc., and this system should be introduced in all the other six districts in due course.

He said that no useful purpose could be served in comparing the conditions in our State with those of the British Indian Provinces where people have to deal with the agents of the Government. The conditions here ~~xxxx~~ are altogether different and we should be treated here as guests of His Highness. He was of opinion that none of the existing facilities should be abolished .

He also submitted that a new hall was absolutely necessary for the Representative Assembly.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao was of opinion that the present catering arrangements should be abolished, that some rent may be levied for accommodation provided for the members and that the existing rates of daily batta viz., Rs. 5 was quite sufficient.

Mr. C.B. Srinivasa Rao wanted to know who elected the members of the Special Committee, what was the personnel of it and when the Committee was appointed.

He said that the members ~~xxx~~ were at present receiving only abstracts of orders which served no useful purpose and it was necessary that they should be supplied with all the

publications in future.

He pointed out that the Committee had made recommendations without consulting this body and there was no reason to have two different kinds of rates of travelling allowance.

Re. seating arrangements, he suggested that members should be supplied with tables to make their own notes and they should be supplied with better chairs. He pointed out that the existing hall was most unsuitable for purposes of the meetings of the Assembly and a better building should be provided as early as possible.

He agreed with the views expressed by Mr. Balija on the question of the system of lava Jama. But at the same time expressed that it was not right on his part to expose all such matters openly in the Assembly.

Another member pointed out that it was not right on the part of the members who go to Mysore on public work to ask for all sorts of conveniences. They should consider that they are in a place of piligrimage and ought to sacrifice some of their wants.

Revived Birthday Dinner

He was of opinion that not only tiffin should not be discontinued, but that Government Dinner should be revived. He did not approve of the idea of levying rent from the members for providing accommodation.

The Dewan in winding up the discussion said that the question has been thoroughly

discussed and that Government ~~should~~ would give their best consideration to the points brought out in the Assembly before passing final orders. He also assured the members that he would enquire into the inconveniences complained of and see that matters are set right.

Re. the new hall to the Assembly, he said that an estimate for Rs. 4 lakhs has been prepared for a new hall to serve both for the University Senate and Representative Assembly meetings and that ~~the~~ a site on the University grounds has been selected and the design ~~sanctioned~~ approved. Owing to the ~~financial~~ straitened financial circumstances, the Government could not undertake the construction but they hoped to lay the foundation stone of the building in Dasara next.

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Office of the Secretary,

Representative Assembly,

Dated Bangalore 8th Aug. 1925

No. 692-7/Secs.

Official Memorandum.

The accompanying list of promises made during the first two days of the sittings of the Representative Assembly (5th and 6th June 1925) is forwarded with compliments to the Secretary to Government, R.A., Y.C. & E.C. ~~Department~~, for needful action. Similar lists for the remaining days will follow.

P Rama Rau
Secretary,
Representative Assembly.

Committed.

Action is being taken separately on the report of the Facilities Committee, and on the discussions about this matter in the recent Birthday Session of the Assembly. If approved, this will also be placed in the Main file.

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Representative Assembly-Budget Session. 1925. List of promises.

Facilities Committee Report.	The Dewan assured the members that he would ~~would~~ enquire into the inconveniences complained of and see that matters are set right.

6 Copies.

Proceedings of the Government of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore.

Order No. Rel 314-85/R.A 26-25-1.

Dated Bangalore. 13-3-1926.

The question ~~of the~~ What facilities ~~to~~ Should be given to the members of the Legislative Council and the Representative Assembly has for some time past been engaging the attention of Government. Prior to the Reforms, members of the Legislative Council were drawing travelling and halting allowances and they were also being supplied with certain Govern-

may this be

i. printed? Yes.

ii. treated as a standing order? No

iii. published in the Gazette English Part? C

iv. translated? Yes

v. placed at the disposal of the press? Yes

vi. published in the Gazette Kannada Part? Yes

...ions. Members of the Representativ... the other hand drew no travelling ... it were in receipt of lavajama in lieu ... llowances. As a matter of convenience ...ed also to make arrangements for the ... of about 100 members at Mysore during ...of the Assembly.

...the request of Government, the Reforms ...stituted in G.O. No. 3034-3093/CB ... 18th October 1923 considered whether ...s called for in respect of the matters referred to above and generally in respect of the facilities to be given to members of the R.A. and the L.C. While making no proposals with regard to the members of the L.C., the Committee recommended certain changes in respect of the members of the R.A. the most important of which was the abolition of lavajama and the grant of travelling and halting allowances in lieu of it.

3. These proposals were accepted by Gover...

K. Government in their order No. 1024-83/ Reforms 29-22-2; dated 12th November 1923. In view, however, of certain representations received L. by Government, they appointed a committee consisting of official representatives and representatives of the L.C. and the R.A. to go into the whole question of the facilities to be given to the members of the two Houses and submit suitable proposals. The Committee met on Tuesday the 16th Sept. 1924 and submitted a M report in which they made the following suggestions:-

1. Construction of a building at Bangalore capable of accommodating 8 visitors, to be ordinarily used as a first class travellers' bungalow but to be reserved for members of the R.A. and the L.C. whenever they come to Bangalore on work connected with these bodies.

2. Construction at Mysore of a block of buildings containing about 50 rooms with kitchens and other appurtenances capable of - accommodating 100 members of the R. A.

3. Abolition of the supply of free ~~coffee~~ refreshments to the members of the R.A. and the L.C.

4. Supply of certain Government publications to the members of both the Houses; and

5. Provision of a suitable Library and retiring rooms.

Before passing their orders in the matter Government considered that the opinion of the Representative Assembly would be useful to them in coming to a decision on the subject and they accordingly

accordingly brought it up for consideration at the last Budget Session of the Representative Assembly. The matter was thoroughly discussed and several suggestions were made to Government, of which the principal ones may be briefly summarised as follows:-

1. Construction of buildings at Mysore and Bangalore for the accommodation of the members of the R.A. and the L.C.

2. Provision of a reading room and library and retiring rooms in the Public Offices, Bangalore, and

3. Construction of suitable halls for holding the meetings of the L.C. and the R. A.

Government have given the matter their careful consideration and have come to the following decisions.

4. Accommodation.

In view of the fact that the number of persons coming to Bangalore in connection with the meetings of the Legislative Council is not large and ample accommodation is ordinarily available at Bangalore Government do not consider it necessary, for the present, to construct a separate building for the use of the members of the Legislative Council.

As regards accommodation at Mysore for the members of the R.A., Government consider that some addition to the facilities now existing is called for. They are accordingly pleased to direct that a building for the use of the R.A. members should be constructed at Mysore similar in general design to the Representatives' Home.

Home. It should contain 20 to 25 rooms capable of accommodating about 50 members at a time. The rooms should be furnished with the necessary furniture and Government will levy a suitable rent not exceeding Re. I per day per member. Detailed plans and estimates should be prepared at once by the Public Works Department and submitted to Government for sanction.

Supply of lunch.

5. The free supply of lunch was one of the points referred to the R.A. but as opinion was divided, Government are pleased to direct that, pending further consideration, refreshments will continue to be supplied free @@ as at present. Steps should be taken, however, to keep down expenditure as far as possible.

Library and retiring rooms.

6. The library attached to the Gen. and Rev. Sectt. will be placed at the disposal of the members of the R.A., L.C., and E.C. It should be furnished so as to served as a retiring room for the members of the L.C. during the meetings of the Council. Immediate steps should be taken to equip the library with a complete and up-to-date collection of all Government publications such as State Administration Reports, reports of departments, copies of the Gazette and the like.

Government are also pleased to sanction a sum of Rs. 3,000/- during the current year for the purchase of books relating to matters of administrative, political, judicial and economic importance and subject to financial considerations, they will make an annual allotment for the purchase

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of similar books. A committee consiting of the Inspector-General of Education, the - Secretary to Government, Local and Legislative Departments, the Secretary to the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council and Messrs. G. Paramasiviah, M. Ramachandra Rao, B. Narasinga Rao and Mohamed Abbas Khan will draw up a list of books to be purchased for the library.

Travelling allowances.

7. The grant of travelling and halting allowances will continue to be regulated by the orders now in force.

Buildings.

8. Government accept the opinion that it is desirable to provide suitable buildings for the Legislative Council and the Representative-Assembly. Plans and estimates for a Legislative Council Hall in the Public Offices at - Bangalore and for the construction of a combined Paper Representative Assembly Hall and Senate House at Mysore have already been approved by Government but for want of funds, Government have not been able so far to proceed further in the matter.

They are of opinion that the provision of a Hall for the Legislative Council is not so urgent as that of a hall for the Representative Assembly They direct that the grants during the ~~current~~ current year in the Public Works Department should be carefully examined and, if by slight adjustments, it is found possible to release about - Rs.50,000/-, the Government will be prepared to order the commencement of the work.

Supply of Government Publications.

(9) Government consider that the existing orders on the supply of Government publications

to the members of the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council are satisfactory and need no change.

10. The orders passed above involve an expenditure of about Rs.5,000/- on the purchase of books for the library and its equipment and may also involve the expenditure, during the current year of a sum of Rs.80,000/- as follows:-

Omit Rs 19/2-

Construction of the R.A.Hall at Mysore. ...	Rs.	50,000.
P.A. Member's Home at Mysore.	"	30,000.-

The Chief Secretary is requested to take steps for the equipment of the library as indicated in para 5(c) above.

The Secretary, Representative Assembly, requested to suggest means for reducing the expenditure incurred on lunch.

The Chief Engineer is requested to take immediate steps for the preparation of the plans and estimates called for in para 4 above and also to report what readjustments are possible in the sanctioned grants of the P.W. Department with a view to enable Government to pass final orders on the question of sanctioning the construction of a Hall designed to meet the requirements of the Mysore University and the Representative Assembly.

Secretary to Government.

To

The Chief Engineer, in Mysore. R.A. L.L & E.C.
The Secretaries to Government.
The Heads of Departments.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Comptroller to Government.
The Secretary, Rep. Assembly and Legis. Council.

Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

G. O. No. Rel. 314-85—R. A. 26-25-1, dated 13th March 1926.

Facilities to the Members of the Legislative Council and the Representative Assembly.

Passes orders *re* ——.

ORDER NO. REL. 314-85—R. A. 26-25-1, DATED 13TH MARCH 1926.

The question what facilities should be given to the Members of the Legislative Council and the Representative Assembly has for some time past been engaging the attention of Government. Prior to the Reforms, Members of the Legislative Council were drawing travelling and halting allowances and they were also being supplied with certain Government publications. Members of the Representative Assembly, on the other hand, drew no travelling allowances but were in receipt of lavajama in lieu of halting allowances. As a matter of convenience, Government used also to make arrangements for the accommodation of about 100 members at Mysore during the meetings of the Assembly.

2. At the request of Government, the Reforms Committee constituted in Government Order No. 2034-2093—C. B. 103-22, dated 18th October 1922, considered whether any change was called for in respect of the matters referred to above and generally in respect of the facilities to be given to Members of the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council. While making no proposals with regard to the Members of the Legislative Council, the Committee recommended certain changes in respect of the Members of the Representative Assembly the most important of which was the abolition of lavajama and the grant of travelling and halting allowances in lieu of it.

3. These proposals were accepted by Government in their Order No. 1024-83-R. Reforms 29-22-2, dated 12th November 1923. In view, however, of certain representations received by Government, they appointed a Committee consisting of official representatives and representatives of the Legislative Council and the Representative Assembly to go into the whole question of the facilities to be given to the members of the two Houses and submit suitable proposals. The Committee met on Tuesday the 16th September 1924 and submitted a report in which they made the following suggestions:—

(1) Construction of a building at Bangalore capable of accommodating 8 visitors, to be ordinarily used as a first class travellers' bungalow but to be reserved for Members of the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council whenever they come to Bangalore on work connected with these bodies;

(2) Construction at Mysore of a block of buildings containing about 50 rooms with kitchens and other appurtenances capable of accommodating 100 Members of the Representative Assembly;

(3) Abolition of the supply of free refreshments to the Members of the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council;

(4) Supply of certain Government publications to the members of both the Houses; and

(5) Provision of a suitable library and retiring rooms.

4. Before passing their orders in the matter, Government considered that the opinion of the Representative Assembly would be useful to them in coming to a decision on the subject and they accordingly brought it up for consideration at the last Budget Session of the Representative Assesmbly. The matter was thoroughly discussed and several suggestions were made to Government, of which the principal ones may be briefly summarised as follows:—

(1) Construction of buildings at Mysore and Bangalore for the accommodation of the Members of the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council;

(2) Provision of a reading room and library and retiring rooms in the Public Offices, Bangalore; and

(3) Construction of suitable halls for holding the meetings of the Legislative Council and the Representative Assembly.

5. Government have given the matter their careful consideration and have come to the following decisions:—

(*a*) *Accommodation.*—In view of the fact that the number of persons coming to Bangalore in connection with the meetings of the Legislative Council is not large, and ample accommodation is ordinarily available at Bangalore, Government do not consider it necessary for the present, to construct a separate building for the use of the Members of the Legislative Council.

As regards accommodation at Mysore for the Members of the Representative Assembly, Government consider that some addition to the facilities now existing is called for. They are accordingly pleased to direct that a building for the use of the Representative Assembly Members should be constructed at Mysore similar in general design to the Representatives' Home. It should contain 20 to 25 rooms capable of accommodating about 50 members at a time. The rooms should be furnished with the necessary furniture and Government will levy a suitable rent not exceeding Re. 1 per day per member. Detailed plans and estimates should be prepared at once by the Public Works Department and submitted to Government for sanction.

(*b*) *Supply of Lunch.*—The free supply of lunch was one of the points referred to the Representative Assembly, but as opinion was divided, Government are pleased to direct that, pending further consideration, refreshments will continue to be supplied free as at present. Steps should be taken, however, to keep down expenditure as far as possible.

(*c*) *Library and Retiring Rooms.*—The library attached to the General and Revenue Secretariat will be placed at the disposal of the Members of the Representative Assembly, Legislative Council, and Economic Conference. It should be furnished so as to serve as a retiring room for the Members of the Legislative Council during the meetings of the Council. Immediate steps should be taken to equip the library with a complete and up-to-date collection of all Government publications such as State administration reports, reports of departments, copies of the Gazette and the like.

Government are also pleased to sanction a sum of Rs. 3,000 during the current year for the purchase of books relating to matters of administrative, political, judicial and economic importance and subject to financial considerations they will make an annual allotment for the purchase of similar books. A Committee consisting of the Inspector-General of Education, the Secretary to Government, Local and Legislative Departments, the Secretary to the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council and Messrs. G. Paramasiviah, M. Ramachandra Rao, B. Narasinga Rao and Mahomed Abbas Khan will draw up a list of books to be purchased for the library.

(*d*) *Travelling Allowances.*—The grant of travelling and halting allowances will continue to be regulated by the orders now in force.

(*e*) *Buildings.*—Government accept the opinion, that it is desirable to provide suitable buildings for the Legislative Council and the Representative Assembly. Plans and estimates for a Legislative Council Hall in the Public Offices at Bangalore and for the construction of a combined Representative Assembly Hall and Senate House at Mysore have already been approved by Government, but for want of funds, Government have not been able so far to proceed further in the matter.

They are of opinion that the provision of a Hall for the Legislative Council is not so urgent as that of a Hall for the Representative Assembly. They direct that the grants during the current year in the Public Works Department should be carefully examined and, if by slight adjustments, it is found possible to release about Rs. 50,000, the Government will be prepared to order the commencement of the work.

(*f*) *Supply of Government Publications.*—Government consider that the existing orders on the supply of Government publications to the Members of the Representative Assemby and the Legislative Council are satisfactory and need no change.

6. The Chief Secretary is requested to take steps for the equipment of the library as indicated in paragraph 5 (c) above.

7. The Secretary, Representative Assembly, is requested to suggest means for reducing the expenditure incurred on lunch.

8. The Chief Engineer is requested to take immediate steps for the preparation of the plans and estimates called for in paragraph 5 (*a*) above, and also to report what re-adjustments are possible in the sanctioned grants of the Public Works Department with a view to enable Government to pass final orders on the question of sanctioning the construction of a Hall designed to meet the requirements of the Mysore University and the Representative Assembly.

R. RANGA RAO,
Ex-officio *Secretary to Government,*
Representative Assembly, Legislative Council and Economic Conference.

To—The Chief Engineer in Mysore.
The Chief Secretary to Government.
The Other Secretaries to Government.
The Other Heads of Departments.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Comptroller to Government.
The Secretary, Representative Assembly and Legislative Council.

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Dated Bangalore, 20th April *1926.*

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FROM

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Chief Engineer of Mysore,
Bangalore.

To

R. Ranga Rao, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to Government, Representative Assembly
Legislative Council and Economic Conference,
Bangalore.

SIR

Reply With reference to para 8 of G.O.No.Rel.314-85/R.A.26-25-1 dated the 13th March 1926, I have the honor to inform you that the Executive Engineer, Mysore Special Division, has been requested to get up detailed estimate and plan for the construction of the additional block of building for the use of the Representative Assembly Members at Mysore similar in design to the present Representative Home. On their receipt they will be submitted to Government in the P.W.D. for sanction. If Government sanction the project and allot adequate funds for the year 1926-27 the work will be started during next year.

2. As regards the readjustment of grant required for the construction of the hall to meet the requirements of the Mysore University and the Representative Assembly at Mysore. I have to state that the grant sanctioned for the P.W.D. for the year 1925-26 is quite inadequate to meet the requirements of works in progress and it is therefore not possible to set apart the sum of Rs.50,000 required for the year 1925-26 for the work.

I have the honour to be,
S i r,
Your most obedient servant,

For Chief Engineer of Mysore

PRR.2/15th.